

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 5 and 9 are amended. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended as above to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, withdraw of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6, 8-14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ueda (U.S. Patent No. 5,900,860). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, Ueda does not teach, disclose or even suggest an image generating system including at least an object determination means which determines part objects within a predetermined area in the aggregate object as objects to be changed in display form when an impact is applied to the aggregate object thereby simulating breakage of the aggregate object and the impacted position is included within the predetermined area, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 9. ✕

Ueda discloses a color conversion device for converting a color signal representative of an original image into another color signal. See, for example, col. 1, lines 9-12. Ueda does not disclose or suggest an impact is applied to the aggregate object thereby simulating breakage of the aggregate object. ✕

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 9 define patentable subject matter. Claims 2-6, 8, 10-14 and 16 depend from the respective independent claims, and therefore also define patentable subject matter.

Accordingly, withdraw of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ueda and Chernock (U.S. Patent No. 6,229,524). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Ueda does not disclose or suggest object determination means which determines part objects within a predetermined area in the aggregate object as objects to be changed in display form when an impact is applied to aggregate object thereby simulating breakage of the aggregate object.

Chernock merely discloses a user interface for interaction with video, where, to view a hotspot 60 for a next selectable object, the viewer would press the tab key 6 located on the remote control unit 5 and the next object in the priority sequence. See, for example, Figs. 2 and 3, and col. 5, lines 55-61.

However, Chernock does not teach, disclose or even suggest objects to be changed in display form when an impact is applied to the aggregate object thereby simulating breakage of the aggregate object.


Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 9 define patentable subject matter. Claims 7 and 15 depend from the respective independent claims, and therefore also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, withdraw of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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